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Sponsor Testimony
Senate Bill 231: License Plate Designation
Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Patton, and Ranking Minority Member Cafaro, and members of the Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 231.

If signed into law, this bill will create the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA) License Plate. Contributions collected from the sale of the plate will support OACCA and their mission to sustainably improve the provision of services to children, young adults, and families, and the community agencies that serve them.

Founded in 1973, OACCA is a statewide trade association of child and family service agencies. They are the oldest statewide child advocacy organization in the State of Ohio and are comprised of a membership of 91 community agencies. These agencies include some of the oldest and most historic nonprofits in Ohio as well as newer providers that are preparing our communities' at-risk kids with the support they need to succeed on their own as adults. I am proud to say that several of these agencies serve Ohioans in my district including Agape for Youth, CHOICES, Inc., South Community, and Eastway.

The OACCA license plate will cost \$35. The BMV will collect \$10 for their cost of creating the plate, and \$25 will go to the association. OACCA will use the contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in advancing its mission, such as for public education, community forums, and best practice institutes.

The creation of the OACCA license plate will provide essential support to the association, dozens of Ohio's leading community providers, and the thousands of children and young adults entrusted with their care.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony today on Senate Bill 231. I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation, and would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Lehner".

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